

Treatment Consent and Release

I, _____, acknowledge that the practice of Class IV Laser Therapy is not an exact science, and that no specific guarantees can be or have been made concerning the expected result in my animal companion. I understand that some animals experience more change and improvement than others. **I understand that in virtually all cases, multiple treatments will be required for noticeable improvements, and I understand that Class IV Laser Therapy involves an induction phase, a transition phase, and a maintenance phase of treatment, spread out over a period of time.**

I also understand that the following risks and hazards may occur with Class IV Laser Therapy, including but not limited to: unsatisfactory results, skin redness, and/or a temporary worsening of symptoms prior to noticeable improvement in a few cases. I also understand that eye damage to animals and humans can occur if appropriate eye protection is not worn. I understand that *Creature Comfort Mobile Laser and Healing Support* will supply appropriate protective eyewear to be worn by anyone within 5 feet of the laser while treatment is being performed. **I agree that I will wear this eyewear as instructed during all laser treatments and that I will make certain to not look directly into the laser's beam.** I understand that my animal companion's eyes will also be protected during the course of laser treatments.

The number one contraindication for laser therapy is exposure to the eye. However, due to prudence and responsibility, we will not use laser therapy in the following known conditions:

Areas of active bleeding

Areas that have been **injected** with corticosteroids within the last 72 hours (oral, systemic corticosteroids are fine)

Over the cardiac region in animals with known heart disease

Over suspected tumor or cancer unless being used in terminal cases for palliation

If animal is currently being treated with photosensitive medications (Doxycycline or tetracycline antibiotics)

Over the lumbosacral area, abdominal cavity, or pelvic area of pregnant animals

Through casting material or bandages

*Cases of Epiphysitis are treated conservatively using low doses and minimum number of treatments required to reduce swelling.

I understand these contraindications and certify that my pet is not currently pregnant, has not received a recent corticosteroid injection in the area to be treated, does not have a known cancerous tumor in the area to be treated, and is not currently taking photosensitive medications.

I understand that even though precautions will be taken in my animal's treatment, not all risks can be known in advance. I understand that response to treatment varies on an individual basis and that specific results can not be guaranteed. I also agree to hold harmless and release from any liability *Creature Comfort Mobile Laser and Healing Support* for any condition or results, known or unknown, that may arise as a result of any laser treatment that my animal receives. I understand that the veterinarian does not work with an assistant, and that while all proper safety precautions will be observed, I hold harmless and release from any liability *Creature Comfort Mobile Laser and Healing Support* for any injury to humans incurred while my animal is being treated.

Signature

Date

